

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed April 3, 2008 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Subject Matter Indicated Allowed or Allowable

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claim 12. Applicants are further grateful for the indication of allowability of claims 4, 8, 9 and 11, subject to their rewriting in independent form. Claims 4, 8, 9 and 11 have been so rewritten and are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Amendments

The claims have been amended to remove reference numerals therein.

Canceled Claims

Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Newly-Added Claims

Claims 13-51 have been added to further particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. The claims contain only subject matter that has already been indicated to be allowable.

Request for Entry of Amendment

Entry of this Amendment will place the Application in better condition for allowance, or at the least, narrow any issues for an appeal. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is appropriate and is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the preceding discussion, Applicants respectfully urge that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and should be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone call would help advance prosecution of the present invention, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Please charge any additional required fees, including those necessary to obtain extensions of time to render timely the filing of the instant Amendment and/or Reply to Office Action, or credit any overpayment not otherwise credited, to our deposit account no. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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